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Applicants : Todd A. Berg et al.
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Examiner : Bruce Snow

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action
mailed on September 25, 2001, which did not address the
merits of the above-identified patent application, but
required restriction and an election of species.

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REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-59 are pending in the above-identified
patent application.

The Examiner has determined that the claims are
directed to two allegedly distinct inventions, as follows: